



FACT SHEET

OUTBOARD MARINE CORPORATION/ WAUKEGAN HARBOR SITE UPDATE

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In October 1988, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that an agreement, contained in a legal document called a Consent Decree, had been reached to clean up polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination in the Waukegan Harbor and on Outboard Marine Corporation (OMC) property. The Consent Decree filed with the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, was between OMC, the State of Illinois and EPA. It stipulated that OMC, under EPA's oversight, would clean up designated areas in the harbor and on OMC property containing high levels of PCB contamination.

The agreement and clean up plan were explained in an EPA fact sheet and at a public meeting held in Waukegan on October 18, 1988. The Consent Decree was lodged with the Court on October 7, 1988. Notice of the lodging was published in the Federal Register on October 20, 1988. A public comment period on the cleanup plan and Consent Decree was provided from October 12 through November 14, and was subsequently extended in response to several requests through December 5, 1988. The fact sheet explaining the agreement, the amended Record of Decision, the Consent Decree and Remedial Action Work Plan, along with other pertinent documents are available for review at the Waukegan Public Library and Waukegan City Hall as well as at EPA's offices in Chicago.

On March 31, 1989 EPA Region V Administrator, Valdas A. Adamkus, signed the amended Record of Decision (ROD), which contains the final remedial action plan adopted by the EPA. The ROD also contains the summary of EPA's responses to the public comments received during the comment period. On motion of the United States, the Court entered the Consent Decree on April 21, 1989. Accompanying the filing of the Consent Decree was the Department of Justice's "Memorandum of the United States in Support of Motion to Enter

Consent Decree," also available for review in the site repositories. The entry of the Consent Decree by the judge puts the agreement into immediate effect and sets in motion the beginning of design and construction activities at the site.

Pre-design field investigation work has started. Design documents will be prepared for EPA's review and approval. When the final design reports are completed and approved, EPA will prepare a fact sheet to explain the construction and clean up details. The final design documents will be placed in the site repositories. OMC and EPA had anticipated that the first step in the process, building a new slip on the east side of the harbor and relocating Larsen Marine, would have begun this spring. However, as the Consent Decree was entered by the Court on April 21st, this activity is being postponed until the fall of 1989 in order to cause minimal interference to harbor users during the recreational boating season.

EPA will provide information on a regular basis as progress is made at the site. These updates will be provided through printed fact sheets and meetings. For additional information, please contact the following people:

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RE: OMC/Waukegan Harbor Site Final ROD Fact Sheet

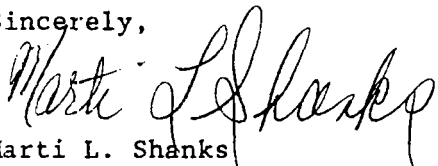
Dear John:

Enclosed are extra copies of the OMC/Waukegan Harbor site ROD Fact Sheet which was mailed by our office today. I have also included a copy of the fact sheet to each of the individuals copied on this letter.

Also enclosed is a copy of the site mailing list updated as of today used for this mailing. As you will notice, the mailing list has been divided into two lists: one for domestic addresses, and the other for foreign addresses requiring special postage.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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